



**Parks and Recreation Committee
Regular Meeting
Minutes, June 6, 2016; 4:30 PM
Council Chambers**

ITEM 1

CALL TO ORDER: 4:34 PM – The meeting was called to order by Chair Jeff Dobbs. Committee members present were Greg Veilleux, Eric Ankrom and John Kelly. Others in attendance were Mark Puglisi (Acadia Community Theater) and Andrew Simon (Barn Arts Collective).

ITEM 2

A. Excused Absence(s): None.

ITEM 3

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Mr. Kelly moved, with second by Mr. Veilleux, to amend the Agenda and add Item 5.B. to discuss the Committee meeting schedule; motion to approve the Agenda as amended passed (4-0).

ITEM 4

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of May 16, 2016. Mr. Veilleux moved, with second by Mr. Kelly, to approve the Minutes; motion passed (4-0).

**ITEM 5
REGULAR BUSINESS**

**A. Acadia Community Theater: Discussion with Mark Puglisi and Andrew Simon
Regarding Use of Town Park for Theater Performance.**

Messrs. Puglisi and Simon requested this agenda item to find out the requirements to present a theater performance at Grant Park. Mr. Puglisi is on the board of the Acadia Community Theater, and Mr. Simon represents the Barn Arts Collective, which provides the actors. Jesup Memorial Library sponsorship would be sought. They are interested in presenting Shakespeare in the Park performances; particularly *The Tempest*, which is set on an island. There would be two or three shows on one weekend proposed for the busy tourist season.

The set-up would locate a platform in front of the Shore Path, along with off-stage free standing flats, and audience seating on lawn blankets (no chairs). There would be 20 to 25 actors and crew. Late-afternoon performances would need no lighting, although it was noted that there would be power available with the planned Grant Park upgrade. There are costs estimated at \$5,000 to \$6,000 associated with the production.

Chair Dobbs explained the parameters of minor and major special events on Town parks as described in the Park Use Ordinance. He advised that, if this Committee is restricted by the Ordinance to approve an application, applicants may then approach the Town Council for approval. He suggested that a diagram be included with the park use permit application. He remarked that Grant Park is a neighborhood park, and historically, neighbors have not been negative about plays performed in the past. He said that the neighborhood would enjoy short, non-intrusive performances, and he provided contact names of the hotel neighbors.

Mr. Veilleux encouraged the event and remarked that cultural events are “awesome” and the best use of Town parks which do not compete with the local businesses. He recommended that September should not be discounted because there are still many people in the area at that time.

Mr. Kelly recommended that they talk with the neighbors and suggested they investigate different funding venues, such as the HUB of Bar Harbor.

B. Committee Meeting Schedule.

Mr. Kelly suggested that the Committee convene for fewer meetings with more agenda items. If something needs to be addressed sooner, a meeting could be called. He moved, with second by Mr. Ankrom, to look into reducing the regular meeting schedule of two times per month to one monthly meeting as a standard schedule; motion passed (4-0).

ITEM 6 NEXT MEETING DATE July 18, 2016

ITEM 5 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 5:27 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Suzanne Banis
Recording Secretary